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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CALLS FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
ON SPECIFIED ISSUES IN EL PASO II LNQ CASE

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED THAT DAVID BARDIN, ADMINISTRATOR,
ECONOMIC REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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(DOE) ISSUED NOTICE ON MARCH 14 CALLING FOR ORAL ARGUMENT
ON EL PASO II PROPOSAL TO IMPORT LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS
(LNG) INTO UNITED STATES FROM ALGERIA. NOTICE APPLIES TO
APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPORT LNG FROM ALGERIA, TO
CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE AN LNG TERMINAL AND OTHER FACILITIES
ON MATAGORDA BAY, TEXAS, AND TO SELL IMPORTED LNG FOR
RESALE IN INTER-STATE COMMERCE. ORAL ARGUMENT IS

SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17, 9:30 A.M. AND FOLLOWING DAY IF NECESSARY AT FEDERAL BUILDING, FEDERAL TAX COURT, ROOM7006, 515 RUSK AVENUE, HOUSTON, TEXAS. REQUESTS TO SPEAK AT ORAL ARGUMENT ARE DUE APRIL 3 AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS MANAGEMENT, BOX SL, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ROOM 2313, 2000 M STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20461.

2. NOTICE EXPLAINS THAT "ERA WILL HEAR ORAL ARGUMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUES WHICH ARE PRESENT IN THIS PROCEEDING.

THE DETERMINATION TO BE REACHED BY ERA IN THIS MATTER WILL BE BASED UPON THE PRESENT RECORD IN THIS PROCEEDING AS FORWARDED TO DOE ON DECEMBER 7, 1977, AND UPON ANY SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONS TO THE RECORD WHICH MAY BE APPROPRIATE. IN PARTICULAR ERA REQUESTS THAT THE ORAL ARGUMENT OF THE PARTIES BE FOCUSED UPON THE ISSUES DESIGNATED IN SECTION B OF THIS NOTICE."

3. SECTION B OF NOTICE CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING SIX CATEGORIES OF ISSUES UNDER WHICH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ARE RAISED.

A. ISSUES RELATING TO NEED FOR AND SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS IN MARKET AREAS SERVED BY EL PASO AND UNITED PIPELINE.

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B. COST AND PRICE ISSUES RELATING TO SONATRACH CONTRACT WITH EL PASO.

C. ISSUES RELATING TO SHIPPING COSTS.

D. COST AND PRICE ISSUES RELATING TO IMPORTATION, TERMINALLING AND REGASIFICATION OF LNG AND RESALE OF NATURAL GAS.

E. ISSUES RELATING TO EFFECT OF PROPOSED PROJECT ON U.S. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

F. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY ISSUES.

4. NOTICE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER AND PARTIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

5. TEXT OF NOTICE WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH ON MARCH 16. COMMENTS ON NOTICE WILL FOLLOW BY SEPT. VANCE

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